Problem-Solving Courts Committee Meeting
March 15, 2024
Meeting Minutes
Zoom

1. Call to Order
   Committee Chair, Judge Chris Buckley, called the meeting to order and greeted members.

   Persons in attendance were as follows:
   Committee Members: Brad Barnes, Judge Chris Buckley, Judge Julie Cantrell, Judge D. J. Davis, Mag. Christopher Doran, Judge Crystal Kocher, Tammy O'Neill, Judge Dan Petrie, Judge Angela Sims, Jennifer York.

   Staff: Jamie Bergacs, Chris Biehn, Tom Felts, Maja Grgic, Michelle Henkle, Zach Johnson, Janelle Keglar, Diane Mains, Natasha Phillis, Kevin Riley, David Sexton, Lisa Thompson, Nicole Wesling, and Dave Williams.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
   The December 8, 2023, meeting minutes were presented and approved by the Committee.

3. Emerging Adult Courts Subcommittee
   At the previous Committee meeting, Judge Weissmann presented to the Committee on Emerging Adult Courts and requested to form a subcommittee to study Emerging Adult Courts. Committee members briefly discussed this and other similar Problem-Solving Court (PSC) models. It was asked if the Indiana Office of Court Services (IOCS) staff have been given any feedback from the Chief Justice or other Office of Judicial Administration leadership on the Emerging Adult Courts model. Chris Biehn noted that Justice Goff has expressed his support for the Committee exploring the model. The motion to establish a subcommittee was approved.

4. PSC Dashboard Concept
   Lisa Thompson and Dave Williams from the Indiana Office of Court Technology led a presentation and demonstration of the PSC dashboard concept. Lisa noted that the dashboard was developed as a mechanism to share PSC data visualizations with the Chief Justice. The current dashboard is developed from 2022 PSC participant data and is not yet live. Dave Williams demonstrated the dashboard for the Committee. Members

noted that the dashboard could be a helpful tool for PSC judges and coordinators as they work to market their programs and seek grant opportunities.

5. Education Report
   Michelle Henkle reported the first new PSC judge orientation took place in 2018. The orientation curriculum is being reviewed to determine if updates are needed given the revised Best Practice Standards. IOCS is working with All Rise on this project. Michelle also reported 10 judges attended new PSC judge orientation held in February. New PSC staff orientation will be held on April 2, 2024, and the Justice Services Conference will be held May 8-10, 2024. Committee members were encouraged to visit the IOCS website for training opportunities including monthly webinars.

6. PSC Research Project
   Chris Biehn reported that Dr. Brad Ray with RTI International will conduct an outcome study on Indiana Problem-Solving Courts. The project will start in June 2024. Focus groups will be one aspect of the study and in the future members of the Committee may be asked to participate in those focus groups. Chris will keep the Committee updated as to the progress of the study.

7. Temple PSC Project Final Report
   The Temple PSC Project Final Report was distributed to the Committee. Jamie Bergacs provided a recap on this research project's history starting at Pitt and the project's scope. Jamie highlighted some of the findings of the report for members. In summary, individuals who completed treatment court programs were:
   - 44% less likely to present in an emergency department for a drug-related issue
   - 83% less likely to have an emergency management service call for a drug-related issue
   - 83% less likely to die than individuals who were eligible to participate in treatment court programs but did not complete one.
   - When comparing arrest records before entering a treatment court program and after program completion, participants who completed a treatment court program were 94% less likely to be rearrested.
   - No significant relationships were found between the types of interventions offered to treatment court participants and outcomes.

8. 2024 Legislative Session Update
   Diane Mains presented the 2024 Legislative Session update on bills of interest to the Committee. Diane provided a synopsis of the following bills: SEA 179, HEA 1101, HEA 1369, and HEA 1418.

9. Safe Baby Courts
   Jamie Bergacs reported that the legislature has expanded the problem-solving courts statute to include Safe Baby Courts. IOCS is working to determine what the application of that new model will look like. Jamie asked that the Committee consider creating a subcommittee to study and make recommendations on certification of Safe Baby Courts in Indiana's problem-solving courts structure. Chris Biehn noted that Safe Baby Courts have their own 10 Key Components separate from the 10 Key Components that are written in to the Problem-Solving Court rules. The Committee voted to establish a subcommittee to provide input for the certification process of Safe Baby Courts.

10. Certification Report
    Zach Johnson reported there are 157 PSC courts, including 135 certified courts and 22 courts in the planning stages. There are 61 counties with at least 1 PSC or a PSC in the planning stages. Ten programs have been certified or recertified since the last meeting on December 8, 2023.

11. Other Business
    Jamie Bergacs reported NPC Research presented to the Council of State Treatment Court Coordinators and would like states to distribute a survey on program policies surrounding harm reduction. Jamie asked that the Committee allow the survey to be sent to Indiana Problem-Solving Court coordinators to be completed on a voluntary basis. The Committee voted to allow distribution of the survey.

    Chris Biehn reminded Committee members that Problem-Solving Court grant applications are currently open. Grant applications will close on May 10, 2024. He also noted that the Problem-Solving Courts grants are not broken up by court type as they have been previously. There is now one application for all types.

12. Adjourn

2024 Meeting Dates:

- June 28 via zoom
- September 20 (Judicial Conference Breakfast Meeting)
- December 6 via zoom

Problem-Solving Courts Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2024
Zoom
12:30 p.m. (Eastern)

1. Call to Order
   Committee Chair, Judge Chris Buckley, called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

   Persons in attendance were as follows:
   Committee Members: Judge Natalie Bokota, Judge Chris Buckley, Mag. John Christ, Judge Kit Crane, Judge Douglas Cummins, Mag. Christopher Doran, Judge Lisa Glickfield, Mag. Sherry Hartzler, Judge Dan Petrie, Judge Adam Squiller, Judge Jeffrey Thorne, and Jennifer York.

   Staff: Shelby Bear, Jamie Bergacs, DaVina Crawford, Senior Judge Tom Felts, Maja Grgic, Michelle Henkle, Zach Johnson, Diane Mains, Lora Moeller, Kevin Riley, David Sexton, Reilly Sommers, and Nicole Wesling.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
   The March 15, 2024, meeting minutes were presented and approved by the Committee.

3. PSC Rule Review Workgroup
   Judge Buckley noted that the Problem-Solving Court Rules (PSCR) have not been updated since 2021. Due to the recent updates to the All Rise Best Practice Standards (BPS), it is time to review and update the PSCR to be consistent with the updated BPS. Additionally, the importance of incorporating Safe Baby Courts into the revised rules was highlighted. Judge Buckley indicated the estimated timeline for the revision process is 12–18 months. It was requested that a rule review workgroup be established to oversee the revision process. The Committee unanimously approved the establishment of a rule review workgroup. Workgroup volunteers include Mag. John Christ, Judge Douglas Cummins, Judge Lisa Glickfield, Jennifer York, and Tammy O'Neill (while not present, confirmed interest via Judge Buckley). Judge Buckley also recommended including an experienced public defender and/or prosecutor in the workgroup.

4. Safe Baby Court Certification Workgroup
   Jamie Bergacs reminded the Committee that the legislature has expanded the problem-solving courts statutes to include Safe Baby Courts. Jamie asked the Committee to

consider creating a workgroup to study and make recommendations on the certification of Safe Baby Courts within Indiana's problem-solving courts certification structure. The Committee unanimously approved the establishment of a workgroup to provide input for the certification process of Safe Baby Courts. Workgroup volunteers include Mag. Christopher Doran, Mag. Sherry Hartzler, and Judge Dan Petrie.

5. Education Report
   Michelle Henkle reported they are still working with All Rise to get updated materials for the new PSC judge orientation. She asked if anyone is interested in presenting at the new PSC judge orientation, or knows of another judge that may be interested, to contact her. Michelle reported 18 judges attended the new PSC judge orientation and 78 were in attendance at the new staff orientation. Michelle also reported the Justice Services Conference will be held April 15-17, 2025, in conjunction with the Spring Judicial Conference. All Rise will be providing six sessions at the conference.

6. Certification Report
   Nicole Wesling reported there are 137 certified courts and 19 courts in the planning stages. Thirty-three programs have been certified or recertified since the last meeting on March 15, 2024.

7. Other Business
   Judge Buckley shared that the 2025 meetings will take place via zoom beginning at 12:30 p.m. (EST) on March 7, 2025; June 20, 2025; September 5, 2025; and December 12, 2025. Judge Buckley suggested having a table at the Judicial Conference to facilitate a networking breakfast.

8. Adjourn
   Judge Buckley adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.